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CHICO MAN INDICTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a five-count indictment charging Jason Morgan 26, of Chico, California, with four counts of Publishing a Notice Seeking or Offering to Receive Visual Depictions of Minors Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251(c)(1)(A), and one count of Receiving Child Pornography, a violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(2)(A), 2256(8)(B)

According to Assistant United States Attorney Laurel D. White, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that between July 8 and July 24, 2003, the defendant posted notices seeking and offering to receive, exchange, and distribute visual depictions, the production of which involved the use of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. The indictment further alleges that on July 24, 2003, the defendant received images of child pornography.

If convicted, the defendant faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years imprisonment for the posting charges. The maximum sentence is 30 years, a \$250,000 fine and five-year term of supervised release. If convicted of the receipt charge, defendant faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years, and a maximum sentence of 20 years, a \$250,000 fine, and 3 year term of supervised release.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case is the product of an extensive/joint investigation by the Sacramento-based SAFE Task Force, which is comprised of law enforcement agents from the California Department of Justice's Sexual Predator Apprehension Team, and the Sacramento Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

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